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PRESS ADVISORY

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MLK Foundation to present \$2,500 to Social Services' TEEN UP program Friday, January 30, at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners from the Board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation will visit Catawba County Social Services on Friday, January 30, at 1:30 p.m. to present \$2,500 to the TEEN UP program. Sophia Dixon and John Hayes, both commissioners on the Board of the MLK Foundation will present the check to Veronique Simpson, a TEEN UP social worker and author of the proposal written for the grant. The meeting will take place in the Social Services Board Room located on 2nd floor.

The grant will assist the TEEN UP program to implement learning activities that foster the legacy and philosophy of the slain civil rights leader. TEEN UP plans to develop learning activities that help promote peace and equality.

Catawba County Social Services was one of 26 organizations from 19 counties to receive money from the Raleigh-based commission.

TEEN UP—a youth development approach to prevention of early parenthood, school dropout violence and risk-taking behaviors—is offered year-round for youth ages 9-17 and focuses on community service, career development, and goal-setting activities. For more information on TEEN UP, contact Amy Herman, Prevention Services supervisor at Catawba County Social Services, at (828) 695-4418 or email amyh@catawbacountync.gov.

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